

**SEC. 573. INCLUSION OF DEPENDENTS OF NON-DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EMPLOYEES EMPLOYED ON FEDERAL PROPERTY IN PLAN RELATING TO FORCE STRUCTURE CHANGES, RELOCATION OF MILITARY UNITS, OR BASE CLOSURES AND REALIGNMENTS.**

Section 574(e)(3) of the John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007 (Public Law 109-364; 120 Stat. 2227; 20 U.S.C. 7703b note) is amended—

- (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and” at the end;
- (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and
- (3) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:  
“(C) elementary and secondary school students who are dependents of personnel who are not members of the Armed Forces or civilian employees of the Department of Defense but who are employed on Federal property.”.

**SEC. 574. PAYMENT OF PRIVATE BOARDING SCHOOL TUITION FOR MILITARY DEPENDENTS IN OVERSEAS AREAS NOT SERVED BY DEFENSE DEPENDENTS' EDUCATION SYSTEM SCHOOLS.**

Section 1407(b)(1) of the Defense Dependents' Education Act of 1978 (20 U.S.C. 926(b)(1)) is amended by inserting after the first sentence the following new sentence: “Schools to which tuition may be paid under this subsection may include private boarding schools in the United States.”.

## **Subtitle H—Military Families**

**SEC. 581. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MILITARY FAMILY READINESS COUNCIL AND POLICY AND PLANS FOR MILITARY FAMILY READINESS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subchapter I of chapter 88 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 1781 the following new sections:

**“§ 1781a. Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council**

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—There is in the Department of Defense the Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council (in this section referred to as the ‘Council’).

“(b) **MEMBERS.**—(1) The Council shall consist of the following members:

“(A) The Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, who shall serve as chair of the Council.

“(B) One representative of each of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force, who shall be appointed by the Secretary of Defense.

“(C) Three individuals appointed by the Secretary of Defense from among representatives of military family organizations, including military family organizations of families of members of the regular components and of families of members of the reserve components.

“(D) In addition to the representatives appointed under subparagraph (B), the senior enlisted advisors of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force, or the spouse of a senior

enlisted member from each of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force.

“(2) The term on the Council of the members appointed under paragraph (1)(C) shall be three years.

“(c) MEETINGS.—The Council shall meet not less often than twice each year.

“(d) DUTIES.—The duties of the Council shall include the following:

“(1) To review and make recommendations to the Secretary of Defense regarding the policy and plans required under section 1781b of this title.

“(2) To monitor requirements for the support of military family readiness by the Department of Defense.

“(3) To evaluate and assess the effectiveness of the military family readiness programs and activities of the Department of Defense.

“(e) ANNUAL REPORTS.—(1) Not later than February 1 each year, the Council shall submit to the Secretary of Defense and the congressional defense committees a report on military family readiness.

“(2) Each report under this subsection shall include the following:

“(A) An assessment of the adequacy and effectiveness of the military family readiness programs and activities of the Department of Defense during the preceding fiscal year in meeting the needs and requirements of military families.

“(B) Recommendations on actions to be taken to improve the capability of the military family readiness programs and activities of the Department of Defense to meet the needs and requirements of military families, including actions relating to the allocation of funding and other resources to and among such programs and activities.

**“§ 1781b. Department of Defense policy and plans for military family readiness**

“(a) POLICY AND PLANS REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Defense shall develop a policy and plans for the Department of Defense for the support of military family readiness.

“(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the policy and plans required under subsection (a) are as follows:

“(1) To ensure that the military family readiness programs and activities of the Department of Defense are comprehensive, effective, and properly supported.

“(2) To ensure that support is continuously available to military families in peacetime and in war, as well as during periods of force structure change and relocation of military units.

“(3) To ensure that the military family readiness programs and activities of the Department of Defense are available to all military families, including military families of members of the regular components and military families of members of the reserve components.

“(4) To make military family readiness an explicit element of applicable Department of Defense plans, programs, and budgeting activities, and that achievement of military family readiness is expressed through Department-wide goals that are identifiable and measurable.